TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 28 - HB 120

March 8, 2011

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes farmers and nursery workers to transport farm machinery and products without having a commercial driver license during times of a state emergency or disaster declaration.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease State Revenue – \$20,000,000/FY11-12/Highway Fund \$40,000,000/FY12-13 and Subsequent Years/Highway Fund

Decrease Federal Expenditures – \$20,000,000/FY11-12 \$40,000,000/FY12-13 and Subsequent Years

Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Transportation, this bill would put the state out of compliance with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Act.
- Pursuant to CFR 384.401, following the first year of noncompliance five percent of federal funding for the National Highway System and the Surface Transportation Program will be withheld from a state. In the second and subsequent years the rate increases to 10 percent.
- The Department of Transportation indicates that \$20,000,000 would be withheld in FY11-12 and \$40,000,000 would be withheld in FY12-13 and subsequent years from the Highway Fund.
- Any decrease in federal expenditures from the National Highway System and the Surface Transportation Program will result in an equivalent decrease in state revenue to the Highway Fund.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director

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